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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - The top-ranked and three-time defending DII national champion Armstrong Atlantic State University women's tennis team won a pair of matches on Sunday, knocking off No. 5 (NAIA) Embry-Riddle, 6-3, and blanking Peach Belt Conference foe Georgia Southwestern State, 9-0, at Bacon Park.

With the wins, the Lady Pirates (6-0, 3-0 PBC) remain undefeated on the 2011 season.

Armstrong found itself trailing in a match for the first time this season against NAIA power Embry-Riddle in the day's first match as the Eagles won two of three doubles matches. Yi Ching Chen and Josefine Strom, ranked No. 1 in NAIA, outdueled top-ranked **Alida Muller-Wehlau** and **Barbora Krtickova**, 8-6, to avenge a loss to the Lady Pirates' duo in the ITA Super Bowl in the fall. At No. 2 doubles, the duo of Ekaterina Kamendova and Rocio Frej Vitale defeated **Aleksandra Filipovski** and **Joanna Szymczyk** of the Lady Pirates, 8-5. Armstrong's doubles point came at No. 3 as **Kathleen Henry** and **Tina Ronel** beat Kristina Marova and Paola Montero, 8-4.

The Lady Pirates quickly reasserted themselves in singles, winning five of six singles matches to claim the victory. Top-ranked Muller-Wehlau bested second-ranked (NAIA) Chen, 3-6, 6-2, (10-8) at No. 1 singles, while eighth-ranked Krtickova beat Kamendova, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 2 singles. Filipovski handed tenth-ranked Frej a 6-0, 6-0 blanking at No. 3 singles.

No. 10-ranked Szymczyk bested Marova, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 4 singles and Ronel beat No. 41-ranked Strom, 6-1, 6-3, at No. 5 singles. Embry-Riddle's lone singles win came at No. 6 singles as No. 25-ranked Kathleen Henry fell to Caroline Nilsson, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

Armstrong then claimed the 9-0 Peach Belt win over Georgia Southwestern later in the day. The Lady Pirates dropped just three games in picking up all three doubles wins. Top-ranked Muller-Wehlau and Krtickova beat Leady Cuellar and Ginny Jones, 8-1, at No. 1 doubles, while Filipovski and Szymczyk blanked Kalie Douberly and Melinda Vansant, 8-0, at No. 2 doubles. Ronel and Henry completed the sweep with an 8-2 win over Mollie McGowan and Brooke Anglin at No. 3 doubles.

The Lady Pirates won all six singles matches in straight sets over the Lady Hurricanes to wrap up the day's action. Top-ranked Muller-Wehlau beat Cuellar, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 1 singles and No. 8-ranked Krtickova defeated 6-1, 6-0, at No. 2 singles.

No. 10 Szymczyk downed Douberly, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 3 singles and Ronel beat Anglin, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 4 singles. No. 25-ranked Henry rebounded with a 6-0, 6-1 win over McGowan at No. 5 singles while **Jessica Gardefjord** earned a 6-1, 6-4 win



over Vansant at No. 6 singles.

The Lady Pirates return to action on Friday, March 4, hosting Clayton State in PBC action at 3:00 p.m. at Bacon Park.



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